sideration. The T. A. to be given to the members has also been fixed.

No action has been taken yet on the resolutions of the 2nd meeting.

Caste-wise list—persons in Government service, etc.

171. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state the percentage in each of these classes (a) Nambudiris (b) Paradesi Brahmins (c) Nayars (d) Ezhuvas (e) Christians and (f) Mohammedans engaged in (1) Government service, (2) Commerce and Industries (3) and Agriculture?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—A copy of the Imperial Table containing the available information is appended (*Appendix VIII*).

Co-operative Societies.

172. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state how they have materialised their acceptance of my cut-motion in the last Council to demonstrate the necessity of increased co-operative activities?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—The points raised in the discussion on the motion are.—

(1) The necessity for widening the activities of the Department with special reference to the depression of the times; (2) necessity for extreme caution in the cancellation of the societies; (3) supply of decent starting capital to the societies without pressing the question of local deposits.

In regard to (1) the Department is ready to help societies in every way. The movement being essentially non-official it is for the leading men in the State to come forward with proposals on the amelioration of their brethren.

As for (2) cancellation of societies is resorted to only when all attempts, both official and non-official at resuscitation have proved futile. Keeping a really bad society on the rolls is seldom desirable.

(3) Local capital is not insisted on by the Central Bank as a condition precedent to granting loans. As regards the desirability of supplying capital by the department this kind of help is not really called for since there is the Central Bank to finance societies exclusively.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to your answer to (1) how have you responded to the request of some of the leading men of the State for state-aid to the Azhikkode Society?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—Notice.

Sea-erosion—Cranganur.

173. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to answer:—

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(a) are the Government aware that in Cranganur there are single land-holdings, the ruin to each of which by sea-erosion has amounted to more than a lakh of rupees;

(b) what relief has the Government accorded to cases mentioned in (a):

(c) what relief do they intend to award them;

(d) do the Government consider that the construction of roads, recently begun, like the Pallippuram-Azhikkal one and similar other items of Public Works are of a more important and urgent nature than saving precious land from sea-erosion?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) No protective works were undertaken by Government. The Member is referred to the Press Communique, dated 26th May 1921 pubtished in the Cochin Government Gazette, dated 15th Edavam 1096.

(c) Government are making further investigations to ascertain whether it is possible to stop the erosions.

(d) It is a matter of opinion.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—(b) May I know a brief summary of the contents of the Government publication?

President.—You can't have a brief summary.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—(c). May I know the probable date when the investigation should be completed?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I cannot give the probable date. The Government have asked for the views of the Harbour Engineer.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know what reply the Diwan gave to the deputation that waited on him on the subject?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—Notice.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—(d). Am I to understand that the people of Azhikkode and Pallippuram were going to rack and ruin for lack of roads while precious Agricultural lands were consumed by the sea-erosions in Cranganur?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is a matter of opinion. The people of Pallippuram and Azhikkode are experiencing loss for lack of roads and their material prosperity has been affected.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Can you give a comparative statement of the considerable loss due to sea-erosions and lack of roads?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—You cannot compare the two.

Karuvannur Canal.

174. Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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